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TO: AMBASSADOR BYRONDE EYES ONLY

FROM: AMBASSADOR HELMS, TEHRAN

1. THIS WILL ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR 2011322Z MARCH VIA

2. WHEN I WAS IN WASHINGTON ON MARCH 9, SID SOBER
RAISED WITH ME THIS ^{Possible} ~~CHOICE~~ APPROACH TO THE SHAH ON THE
RETROFIT OF TANKS. I TOLD HIM THAT I HAD NO OBJECTION TO
TRYING IF THAT WAS THE ROUTE THE SECRETARY AND HE WANTED TO
GO. IT APPARENTLY IS. I AM NOT REPEAT NOT SANGUINE, BUT
WE WILL JUST HAVE TO SEE.

3. MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS IN SENDING ME
THE REPARENT MESSAGE. FRANKLY, IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ME THAT
YOU WOULD HAVE ORIGINATED THE IDEA WITHOUT LETTING ME KNOW.

4. WARM REGARDS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR IRANIAN STYLE.

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